# Nominees wanted for citizen award

If you know a person who has worked to improve or upilit some aspect of the community, take USE THE accompany

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There are no limitations to a nominee's age, sex or residency. But they must have accomplished their community deeds in the Farmington/Farmington Hills

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In sizing up potential Citizens of the Year, remember that past award winners are excluded from consideration. Government offi-cials may be nominated for the volunteer achievements only. Don't besitate to renominate past nominees who weren't winners but who are still deeply

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Nominations are open for Citizen of the Year.

The 1988 recipient will be bonored Thursday, Oct. 23, at the 18th annual awards banquet hosted by the Farmilgaton/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber-sponsored Citizen of the Year Award spotlights a community booster who has rung of the Year Award spotlights a community booster who has rung or over a number of years.

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The end result will be less conges-

tion, better traffic capacity and im-proved road safety in the communi-ty:

I-696 — Orchard Lake Road at the interchange is restricted to three lanes during bridge widening. The bridges that carry I-696 over Drake Road are being widened and new

ramps at Orchard Lake Road are being built.

• 11 Mile-Middlebelt — The in-tersection is being widened to five lanes. The east and north lanes are completed and the contractor is ex-cavating for the south curb.

### road watch

ods."

Be sure you answer the question,
"Why should this nominee be se-lected as the 1998 Citizen of the
Year." Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Past award winners were Dr.
Robert Douglass, Marlowe Be-langer, John Anhut, Charles Schul-kins, Mary Ann Reilly, Terry Sever, Floyd Cairns, Allan Kener-son, Richard Headtlee, Sandra Don-

This column was prepared by Farmington Hills city manager William Costick's staff.

This summer promises to be as busy as last summer with many road construction projects planned throughout the city.

As a result, motorists will find road conditions varying from day to day.

cal signs in August, me city counts is no further ahead in their deliberations.

The two proposed ordinances, which regulate size, placement and removal, were forwarded to the reactivated voter participation committee for further review. In the size of the reactivated voter participation committee for further review, yeary care gully," Have said, adding the committee will research other communities and legal cases. At a recent city council meeting, Haron called the two proposed ordinances "content legislation, You've singled out political signs. Your ordinance fails because of that."

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With the help of the American Civiance fails become led the flight in 1886 to exempt political signs from the city's general sign ordinance. The August primary election was the second election in which candidates were allowed to use signs in Farmington Hills.

RIGHT OF WAY placement is the

In Farmington Hills.

RIGHT OF WAY placement is the only probibition on political signs in the city. The placement of utility poles is not an accurate guide of a public right of way. Candidates may use the city's Sidwell plat books to determine rights of way.

Haron said there should be no restrictions on political signs. "It think the financial and aesthetic market-place will effectively regulate signs. People aren't going to put up externely large and expensive signs

Fairness asked in sign debate

but only with written permission from the property owner. All signs must be removed with 14 days of an election. A \$10 fee is charged the property owner if the city must remove a sign following the removal deadline.

In Novi, political signs are permitted on public property 30 days prior to a primary and must be removed 10 days after a general election. No permits are required but removal costs may be assessed against "a person or entity."

where it's potentially a trespass," he asid.

Haron told the city council he believed that there is no apparent "compelling state interest" for the city to regulate political signs, including size. If traffic signs arent regulated, neither should political signs, Haron said.
"I'm not saying all signs about parking should be removed. But to say political signs cause a problem is invalid," he said. "It's easier to say we'll allow political signs without an ordinance and that the city has a right to remove signs that are a hazard."

Bibeau, however, said that place-

ment in the rights of way can be a hazard, implying a compelling state interest.

#### clarification

Oakland County Board of Commis-sioners 21st District candidate Marie Bowers won as precinct delegate on the Republican side in Farmington Hills Precinct 2 in the Aug. 2 prima-ry, not Al Diebel, as reported Aug. 18.

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Farmington Hills city councilman Aldo Vagnozzi won as precinct delegate on the Democratic side in Farmington Hills Precinct 12 in the Aug. 2 primary. His name was left off a list of winners reported Aug. 18.

public right of way. It requires sign removal 10 days following an election.

The ordinance also calls for a \$10 service fee to the owner of the property where a sign is placed if it is removed by the city following the 10-day post-election deadline.

Livonia allows non-illuminated signs with properly owner permission. Size also is regulated and restricted to a maximum 28 square feet on non-residential property and to a maximum six square feet for all other property types. A 10-foot setback from the right of way is required. Signs are allowed 45 days prior to a primary. Signs must be removed 72 bours after a general election or primary in cases of defeat. THE SECOND ordinance includes all that is included in the first ordinance plus size restrictions. It would restrict signs to a maximum 16 square feet in area. "... The area of all signs placed or maintained on any parcel of real property in one ownership shall not exceed 80 square feet," according to the proposed ordinance. Violations of the second proposed ordinance would be a civil infraction punishable by a maximum \$100 fine.

Other communities, including Farmington, Livonia and Novi, have political sign ordinances.

Farmington allows signs on private property

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## Sign debate renewed

dinances regulating the use of politi-cal signs in August, the city council is no further ahead in their delibera-

Unsuccessful Republican state House candidate Paul Welday only hopes that any regulations on political signs are applied fairly.

"If any regulations are passed — and I doubt the constitutionality — I think that it should be enforced evenly," said the Farmington Hills planning commissioner. "I would only suggest there's a policy of evenhandedness."

Two proposed ordinances regulating signs that were presented to the city council in August include restrictions on placement, sign size and re-moval of the signs following an election.

The first proposed ordinance allows placement on private property in any of the city's zoning dis-tricts. But it expressly prohibits placement in the

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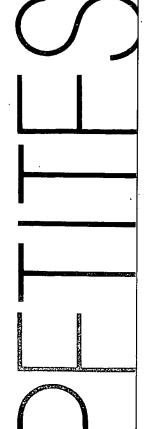
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